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Santa's coming to town on board Trolley No. 85

Visit Wabash County has announced that Santa Claus is coming to town on board Trolley No. 85. Santa will be cruising through town from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 to collect Christmas wish letters. Santa and the Trolley will stop from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. at the Wabash Fire Department – South station at 1470 Vernon St. and will end with a stop from 5:45 to 6 p.m. at the Wabash Fire Department – North station at 1000 N. Wabash St. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours.

Grow Wabash County gift checks spark shopping local

Grow Wabash County gift checks (formerly known as Chamber Gift Checks before 2017) are gift certificates that can be redeemed at any business or organization that is a current Grow Wabash County investor. Since gift checks can only be spent at Grow Wabash County investors, businesses that are not currently members that would like to participate in this year's program may call 260-563-5258 or visit www.growwabashcounty.com/invest. For a full list of Grow Wabash County investors, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/investors. Grow Wabash County also offers a list of retail stores, restaurants and other GWC investors where gift checks are most commonly used. That list can be found at www.growwabashcounty.com/giftchecklist. Businesses that are not currently Grow Wabash County investors should not be accepting gift checks from customers. Gift checks may be purchased by emailing marketing@growwabashcounty.com or

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COVID-19 hospitalizations near record

ISDH: Wabash County's advisory level remains in red for the fourth week in a row

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This week, local COVID-19 spread and deaths remained high in Wabash County as Parkview Health reported a near-record peak for hospitalizations for the region.

During the weekly county metric updated Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) showed Wabash County's COVID-19 advisory as red, the highest lev-

el, for the fourth week in a row.

Last week, the ISDH reported six new local COVID-19 deaths, making it the deadliest week for Wabash County since the start of the pandemic.

On Monday, Dec. 13, the ISDH reported one more local COVID-19 death over the weekend, bringing Wabash County's total to 118. For the next three days, the ISDH reported one more additional COVID-19 death each day, bringing Wabash

County's total to 121 by Thursday, Dec. 16.

"When we report cases ... there is a clinical definition of that and it and it requires a confirmed positive test. The patients that we are seeing that are dying in hospitals admitted with COVID-19, the majority of them are dying directly from the effects of the virus on their organ systems in their body. They're dying from cardiovascular, respiratory failure and multi-system failure that is triggered by this severe inflammatory response related to viral infection," said Parkview Health chief quality and safety officer

Jeffrey Boord, MD, MPH, said during a virtual press conference on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Boord said for those who have another co-morbid condition, if they contract a respiratory illness such as COVID-19, that can tip a patient over the edge.

"They may be doing OK with medications to manage their heart failure, but if they develop a severe infection, their heart is just not going to be able to tolerate that to the same degree as someone without that health condition. And it clearly, even though they may have heart failure and that great-

ly contributes to their death, clearly COVID-19 was the thing that tipped the balance for them," said Boord.

Boord said there were copious amounts of medical literature that would indicate that many COVID-19 deaths are under-reported.

"People for example who die unexpectedly outside of a hospital who are not tested may not be counted in the total cases," said Boord.

Boord said they also had high-quality tests that can test simultaneously for both influenza and COVID-19 infections.

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Catch a wave with The Beach Boys this December



Provided photo

This weekend, the legendary group, The Beach Boys, will warm up the Honeywell Center with their "Holiday Harmonies" show.

Legendary group to perform Saturday at the Honeywell Center

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This weekend, the legendary group, The Beach Boys, will warm up the Honeywell Center with their "Holiday Harmonies" show.

"Relive the classic songs that epitomize the California lifestyle: sun, sand, surf, and a simpler time," said public relations specialist Michele DeVinney. "The Beach Boys launched a string of chart-topping songs that spans 50 years including 'Surfer Girl,' 'Fun, Fun, Fun,' 'I Get Around,' 'Kokomo,' 'California Girls,' 'Help Me Rhonda' and 'Good Vibrations.' The night will also feature the group's own iconic holiday hits as well as music from the Christmas album recorded by Beach Boys co-founder and lead singer Mike Love."

The show is sponsored by Bott Mechanical Company, along with associate sponsor, Bickford Assisted Living of

Wabash. Most seats are \$54 and \$74, with limited premium seating for \$105. Tickets are on sale now by calling 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

"We're going to do all the hits you'd ever want to hear from The Beach Boys," said Love, during a recent phone interview. "We're going to do all those and more and half a dozen Christmas songs."

Love also took the time to discuss the group's founding, their musical transformation, using their music in movies and television and their association with President Donald Trump.

Origins

Growing up, the members of the band lived in southern California not too far from the beach. Love's cousins – Brian, Dennis and Carl Wilson – lived in Hawthorne. Meanwhile, he lived in Baldwin Hills, about 10 miles from the beach.

"We had a great experience growing up in southern California. Whether you were a fantastic surfer or not you were one of a culture and

dressed a certain way and had a certain vocabulary and the use of words that weren't necessarily spoken in other parts of the world. Nonetheless, we identified that culture and the rest is musical history," said Love. "There was a whole lifestyle in southern California at the time. There were bands that were mainly instrumental bands, they'd call themselves surf bands, but nobody ever sang a song about the act, the art of surfing. And we were the first ones to do that."

In addition to songs about surfing itself, they wrote about the lifestyle surrounding it, as well.

"There were the greatest cars in the '50s and the '60s. American muscle. My cousin Dennis had a 409. Everybody salivated over the Woodys. All the other great cars as well. It just made sense to us to do songs about cars we really liked. And beach life, surfing and all that entailed, including surf girls. It was just a matter of the environment influencing our choice of subject matter in the early days," said Love.

Musical transformation

As the band's popularity rose, so did their musical subject matter interests.

"As we grew up a little older and experienced our shares of elation and heartbreak and everything else," said Love.

The real change came in 1966 when their album "Pet Sounds" was released, which included "God Only Knows," "Wouldn't It Be Nice" and "Sloop John B."

"A bunch of those which were a little bit more introspective and reflective and a little bit more not just as an experience of driving a fast car or surfing or going to dance and looking for romance," said Love.

Love said he denies long-standing rumors that he was against the musical shift led by Brian Wilson.

"Some people have said I said things I never said. Par for the course. People in every group that made any waves so to speak or impact at all, people start choosing their favorite group members like 'John Lennon was this'

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Shop with a Cop returns for another successful year

Officers meeting with selected children on Saturday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The annual Shop with a Cop program was challenging this year due to COVID-19, "but due to the community, a success," said Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge No. 83 vice president Chad Galligan.

The program has been an annual fundraiser for over 20 years helping Wabash County families during the Christmas season.

The program takes over 200 children Christmas shopping each year.

Galligan said at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 a few officers



Provided photo

Eagles Lodge No. 549 donated \$4,000 to this year's Shop with a Cop. Pictured left to right are Jim Kirkpatrick, Chuck Douglas, Jeff Whitmer, Chad Galligan and Floyd McWhirt.

from the FOP will be meeting all the children selected for this year's Shop with a Cop.

"Even during a spike in the Wabash COVID-19

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WCTFC offers medication to help local smokers quit

Residents may enroll in the Indiana Tobacco Quitline program to participate

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition (WCTFC) would like to help Wabash County smokers and tobacco users increase their chances of quitting successfully in 2022 with the help of Parkview Wabash Hospital, said cessation coordinator Heidi Blake.

Blake said the WCTC would like to extend a special promotion for Wabash County residents who are committed to quitting tobacco by offering additional access to medication to

further increase the chances of a tobacco-free future.

Blake said this includes nicotine replacement therapy patches and gum.

"It is an over-the-counter medication and it does have some side effects," said Blake.

Blake said Indiana residents who enroll in the Indiana Tobacco Quitline program may qualify for four weeks of free medication to increase the chances of becoming tobacco-free.

Blake said smokers and tobacco users can enroll in the Indiana Tobacco Quitline's free tobacco cessation program through phone online or text. Once the participant enrolls in the Indiana Tobacco Quitline, the individual can reach out to our office by phone, email, or

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Entrants should submit their recipe and “a photo of the baking and decorating fun” by Thursday, Dec. 23.



Winners will be announced the week after Christmas.

NMPL accepting entries for Christmas Cookie and Photo Contest

Winners will be announced the week after Christmas

STAFF REPORT

The North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) is calling all bakers – aspiring, mediocre and experts alike – for their Christmas Cookie and Photo Contest, according to adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann.

“It’s that time of year when our kitchens smell like gingerbread and chocolate and sugar and spices,” said Hann. “Do you have a favorite cookie you like to bake every year? A family tradition of a decorating party? However you ‘cookie’ in December, NMPL would like you to enter our Christmas Cookie and Photo Contest.”

Hann said entrants should submit their recipe and “a photo of the baking and decorating fun” by Thursday, Dec. 23.

“We’ll select a winning entry in the Kids (Jumbo Cookie Baking Kit), Teen (Decorating Kit, Food Coloring Pens, and Cookie Scoop),



These are some of the prizes available.

and Adult (Bakeware Cookie Sheet Set, Food Coloring Markers, and Cookie Scoop) Categories,” said Hann.

Winners will be announced the week after Christmas.

Participants may enter by visiting www.nman.lib.in.us or by stopping by the library at 405 N. Market St., North Manchester, to pick up a paper entry form.

5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday Rain Likely 48 / 29	Sunday Partly Cloudy 38 / 25	Monday Sunny 43 / 24	Tuesday Sunny 41 / 25	Wednesday Partly Cloudy 42 / 26

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:21 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:59 a.m.

Full 12/18	Last 12/26	New 1/2	First 1/9

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 100% chance of rain, high temperature of 48°, humidity of 75%. Southwest wind 5 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 29°. North wind 6 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 25°.

COVID

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“We’re able to easily discern based on clinical testing whether someone has influenza or COVID-19 and be able to make the correct diagnosis at the time of admission. So the idea that we’re mistaking COVID-19 for flu is just not accurate,” said Boord.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, Parkview Health public relations manager Tami Brigle said despite the region’s near-record high hospitalizations for COVID-19, “Parkview Health is maintaining services and access to care for the community.”

“As the largest provider of critical care for northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio, Parkview has implemented numerous processes to maintain operations for both COVID-19 patients and patients with other care needs. Additionally, the health system has increased available hospital beds and staff to accommodate the increased demand,” said Brigle.

Brigle said capacity is continually monitored and managed by health system leaders, and all Parkview hospitals continue to accept patients and ambulances. As a regional health system, Parkview can flex capacity between hospitals or units. Overall capacity can fluctuate hourly based on admissions, discharges and transfers, as well as available staff to support patient needs.

As of Sunday, Dec. 12, the most recent date for which IDOH dashboard data is available, Parkview was caring for 250 of District 3’s 342 confirmed COVID-19 hospital inpatients.

“We are facing a record number of patients in the hospital, not just with COVID-19,” said Boord. “This is putting a serious strain on our hospital system.”

Brigle said to meet the critical care needs of the region, more than 240 patient beds have been added at Parkview Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and Parkview Hospital Randallia since the start of the pandemic. PRMC has also recently increased its ICU capacity by converting its specially designed rooms to care for higher acuity patients. One hundred twenty-five beds were added to expand COVID-19 capacity at both hospitals. Additionally, the PRMC South Tower, an expansion that began before the pandemic, created 96 more beds at the hospital. Parkview Hospital Randallia also added 20 beds through

a renovation in June. An additional 24 beds in the PRMC South Tower and 20 beds at Parkview Hospital Randallia will open when construction is complete in early 2022. Crews are also working to add beds at Parkview DeKalb Hospital. Once operational, the expansion could accommodate 46 additional patients, if needed.

Boord said that they have brought in over 600 traveling nurses and other clinical care providers to help deal with this latest surge.

“When we think about capacity and not just for COVID-19 but all the patients that we take care of, we really think about this as an integrated system and not just as a single hospital. The resources at any given hospital are important, but the reason that we work so well as a health system is that we are able to move resources around where they are most needed,” said Boord. “If you have a patient for example who is admitted at Parkview Wabash and there is not a bed immediately available but there is one open at Parkview Huntington we can take the patient and directly admit them to that community hospital bed so that they don’t have to spend additional time in the emergency department waiting for a bed to become available at that facility.”

Brigle said to help prevent hospitalizations, Parkview has provided more than 14,000 monoclonal antibody infusions, mostly in its emergency departments, since the treatment became available in late 2020. Monoclonal antibodies are given to COVID-19 patients with certain risk factors to help prevent hospitalization or death.

Brigle said even with monoclonal antibody treatments available, vaccines remain the most effective way to reduce the risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19. Approximately 83 percent of Parkview patients hospitalized for COVID-19 are unvaccinated.

“Vaccination is our most vital tool as a community to help reduce the burden of illness, particularly severe illness and death related to COVID-19,” said Boord.

One year ago, on Dec. 14, 2020, Parkview administered the first COVID-19 vaccines in the state of Indiana. Since then, Parkview has administered more than 160,000 doses to the community, through its clinic locations on the PRMC campus and pop-up clinics throughout the area.

All this news comes as

local vaccination rates continue to lag behind the state average. In the zip code 46992, which comprises Wabash, 40.8 percent of the eligible population has been vaccinated. Statewide, that figure sits at 54.1 percent, as of Friday, Dec. 17.

To date, more than 8 million COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Indiana, including more than 1 million booster doses. Nearly 3.5 million Hoosiers are fully vaccinated.

The eligible population for vaccinations increased earlier last month as the minimum age was lowered from 12 to 5. On Wednesday, Nov. 3, the ISDH announced that Hoosiers ages 5 to 11 are now eligible for a free COVID-19 vaccine following the previous day’s authorization of the pediatric vaccine by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Pfizer vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine that is currently authorized for use in individuals under age 18.

On Friday, Dec. 10, the ISDH announced that any Hoosier aged 16 or older can receive a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine so long as they received their second dose at least six months ago.

The CDC on Thursday, Dec. 9 approved the administration of a booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine for individuals 16 and older following the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA’s) decision to expand its Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to include individuals ages 16 and 17. The Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine authorized for use in individuals younger than age 18.

Hoosiers aged 16 and older who want to obtain a booster dose should go to www.ourshot.in.gov and look for a location that carries the Pfizer vaccine, designed by PVAX, or call Indiana 211 (866-211-9966) for assistance finding a location. Appointments are recommended, but many sites also accept walk-ins.

The Parkview Health COVID-19 vaccine clinic, currently located at 3718 New Vision Drive, Building C, Fort Wayne, offers first, second and booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Booster shots are now recommended for anyone age 16 and older. To make an appointment, visit ourshot.in.gov or call 260-266-0778 or toll-free, 877-651-0748. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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Obituaries

Naomi J. Davenport

Dec. 11, 1929 – Dec. 15, 2021

Naomi J. Davenport, 92, of rural Wabash, Indiana, went to be with the Lord at 2:40 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, at her home. She was born on Dec. 11, 1929, in Converse, Indiana, to Grover Merle and Lelia Mae (Miller) Sailors.

Naomi was a 1948 graduate of Linlawn High School in Wabash. She married William M. Davenport in Wabash on April 20, 1951; he died Sept. 19, 1994. Naomi worked in the circulation department for the Wabash Plain Dealer for 20 years. She was a member of Wabash Alliance Church. She enjoyed reading, working on puzzles, watching tv, and taking care of her three cats.

She is survived by five children, Darrell Lee Davenport and Marilyn Marie Davenport, both of Wabash, Mark William Davenport of Roann, Indiana, Dean Eldon (Cassy) Davenport of Logansport, Indiana, and John Rex (Barbara) Davenport of Peru, Indiana, daughter-in-law, Sherrie Davenport of Louisa, Virginia; five grandchildren, Heather (Jesse) Elza and Cayla (AJ) Jackson, both of Fort Wayne, Carrie (Matthew) Becker of Orlando, Florida, Sarah (John) Schwarz II of Royal Center, Indiana, and Brian (Amelia) Davenport of Noblesville, Indiana, five great-grandchildren, Jakob Schwarz, Leo Schwarz, and Lucas Schwarz, all of Royal



Center, William Davenport of Noblesville, and Bryson Elza of Fort Wayne, two special great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Dale Davenport and David Davenport, daughter-in-law, Cathy Davenport, brother, Max Sailors, and her sister, Kathryn Scholes.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Kurt Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call 4-7 pm Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

The memorial guest book for Naomi may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Derrick Shane Shelton

Derrick Shane Shelton, of Lagro, Indiana passed away Dec. 14th, 2021.

Funeral Services will be Dec. 19, 2021, at 2 p.m. with visitation starting at 1 p.m. at Wabash Free Will Baptist Church 1056 Erie St, Wabash, IN. Burial will be at

Lagro Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Dec. 18, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Ave. Wabash, Indiana 46992

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Thomas William ‘Tom’ Hummer

Jan. 6, 1937 – Dec. 15, 2021

Thomas William “Tom” Hummer, 84, of Kokomo, Indiana, died 8:25 am, Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Kokomo. He was born on Jan. 6, 1937, in Lincolnville, Indiana, to James and Clella (Spivey) Hummer.

Tom graduated from Lagro High School in 1955, while also working on his family’s farm. On July 21, 1962, Thomas married Darlene (Penn) Hummer with services officiated by the Rev. Jesse Martin, Church of the Nazarene, Wabash, Indiana. He served his country by joining the Indiana National Guard in Wabash & Huntington Indiana from 1955 to 1964. Which included him being stationed in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and three 3 year enlistments, ranking E-8 on discharge in 1964, all being honorable discharges. Tom took flying lessons and received his license in Wabash. He and two other friends purchased a Piper and flew that for a few years. Tom worked for Minneapolis Honeywell and General Tire in Wabash. He also worked for Macintosh, Inc. in Berne and Kendallville, Indiana before moving to Kokomo to work for Accurate Parts, Kokomo & Steel Parts in Tipton, Indiana. Tom was a former member of the Hanna Masonic Lodge #61 in Wabash.

After retirement from auto manufacturing, Tom drove a school bus for Northwestern School District in Kokomo for approximately 10 years. In his younger years, he attended Bachelor Creek Church in Wabash. Later, he attended the Church of the Nazarene in Wabash, and Fort Smith AR and



Kendallville. After moving to Kokomo in 1991, He attended the First Church of the Nazarene. During these years he has served as Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Treasurer, Member of the Church Board, Bus driver, Usher and helped with Jr. Church Services, and helping to clean the church and mow the yard of the church parsonage in Wabash.

He is survived by three children, Lisa Hummer, Thomas Hummer, and Mark Andrew Hummer, all of Kokomo, granddaughter, Rachel Hummer of Kokomo, and two sisters, Joan Hummer of Wabash, and Sharon Gray of Lincolnville, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Gates officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

The memorial guest book for Thomas may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Jesse Leo Case, Sr

May 10, 1926 – Dec. 14, 2021

Jesse Leo Case, Sr, 95, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 4:20 pm, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, at his home. He was born on May 10, 1926, in Bardstown, Kentucky, to John Henry and Viola Pearl (Kennedy) Case.

Jesse was a US Army veteran. He married Eliza Bell Foley in Wabash on July 3, 1958; she died March 30, 2012. He worked several years at Celotex in Lagro and worked at Crystal Flash in Wabash, retiring after 13 years. He attended the Wabash Chapel Church of God. Jesse enjoyed bowling, fishing and loved the Lord. He was an avid Cincinnati Reds fan since 1945. Jesse was a democrat his entire life, but was a huge Donald Trump fan.

He is survived by seven children, Jesse “Leo” (Georgia) Case Jr of Fremont, Ohio, Larry (Margaret) Case and Dennis Case, both of Wabash, Randy (Linda) Case of Lodi, California, Brenda (William) Story of Wabash, Leon (Teresa) Case of Peru, Indiana, and Belinda (Wayne) Osborne of Wabash, 38 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and several great great grandchildren. He was



also preceded in death by his parents, son, Fred Miller, daughter, Kathy Keller, and grandchildren Clinton Case, Stacey Miller, Chad Keller, and Tim Keller.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Ralph Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 9:30-11:00 am Saturday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is the Alzheimer’s and Dementia Foundation.

The memorial guest book for Jesse may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Glenna (Harrell) Pogue

Glenna (Harrell) Pogue, passed away on Dec. 14, 2021.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Dec. 17, 2021, at McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, La-

Fontaine, Indiana 46940.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service starting at 1 p.m., at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Charles Adren ‘Martin’ Nelson

Charles Adren “Martin” Nelson, 73, of Opp, Alabama died Friday, Dec. 10, 2021. Services are 2:00 pm Friday,

at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, with calling 12:30 – 2:00 pm, Friday. Burial in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

At the Sunday, Dec. 19 service at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be Cathy Staggs. The morning message by Pastor Mike Bullick will be “The Wonder of the Light.”

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Dec. 19

service at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday morning services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Our annual Christmas program will take place as part of the 10:30 a.m. service. The 8:15 a.m. service will have a brief Christmas-based message. The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. There will be no Children’s Church for the 10:30 a.m. service so they can watch and participate in the Christmas program. A recorded version of the 8:15 a.m. sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, Dec. 19.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship

service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. We started celebrating the Advent season Sunday, Nov. 28. The candle of hope was lit. At 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, the cantata “I’ll be Home for Christmas – a ready to Christmas” created by Sue C. Smith and Russell Mauldin – will be performed by the choir. On Friday, Dec. 24, a Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 p.m. Holy Communion will be received. Come worship with us celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. For more information, email pastorjohn1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the

circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrina Cline stated live-streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online

using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for

the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Wabash First Church of God

At the Sunday, Dec. 19 services at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on “Worship Together.” The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard on Sunday at 11 a.m. on 105.9 FM. Sunday Servants are Sue White, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; children, special music; Rose Sands, organ; and Nancy Kolb, piano.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

QUITLINE

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Facebook to take advantage of the extended medication.

“Make 2022 the year of new beginnings and a tobacco-free future,” said Blake.

Blake said the Indiana Tobacco Quitline offers free

phone-based, online, and texting counseling services that help Hoosier smokers and tobacco users who would like to quit. The Indiana Tobacco Quitline

also provides support and resources for family and friends who want to help others quit smoking.

The Indiana Tobacco Quitline can be reached by

phone at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669) or by visiting www.quitnowindiana.com. They may also use Text2Start by texting the word READY to 200-400.

For more information, call 260-274-2920.

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

Do not say, "I will repay evil!"; wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.
Proverbs 20:22

The world needs to set new rules in space

The first flight of Elon Musk’s Falcon 9 rocket back in 2010 launched a new space age. Since SpaceX developed its first reusable rocket, the costs of sending satellites into orbit have plummeted, opening up a multibillion-dollar market for thousands of companies around the world. Arguably Musk has done more than anyone since Neil Armstrong to reignite interest in space.

But Josef Aschbacher, head of the European Space Agency, has sounded the alarm over the U.S. billionaire’s dominance of the new space economy. SpaceX has enabled Musk to launch satellites at an unprecedented rate for his space-based internet service Starlink. In less than two years he has built a constellation of nearly 2,000 satellites, roughly 40 per cent of all active satellites around Earth. Within years he plans to have 12,000, and national regulators have granted permission for some 30,000.

Some dismiss the ESA boss as a European protectionist. That misses the point. Aschbacher was not blaming Musk for breaking any rules. He was underlining the fact that rules just do not exist to guarantee responsible and sustainable use of low Earth orbit, up to 2,000km above the Earth, where most satellites operate. Others, from the UK’s OneWeb to Jeff Bezos’s Project Kuiper, also plan big constellations.

Existing international agreements, designed when space was largely the preserve of governments, have been left behind. The UN Outer Space Treaty of 1967 proclaims space “the province of all mankind”. But responsibility for licensing satellite operators rests with nation states, which all want a slice of the new market.

While the International Telecommunication Union regulates radio frequencies on which satellites transmit, there is no system for coordinating orbits and no global space traffic management system. There are no requirements to share information

on trajectories, no rules for who should move out of the way to avoid a collision, and no binding regulations on removing satellites at the end of their life. In 2019, the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space adopted 21 guidelines for the long-term sustainability of space – but voluntary ones with no agreed consequences for transgression.

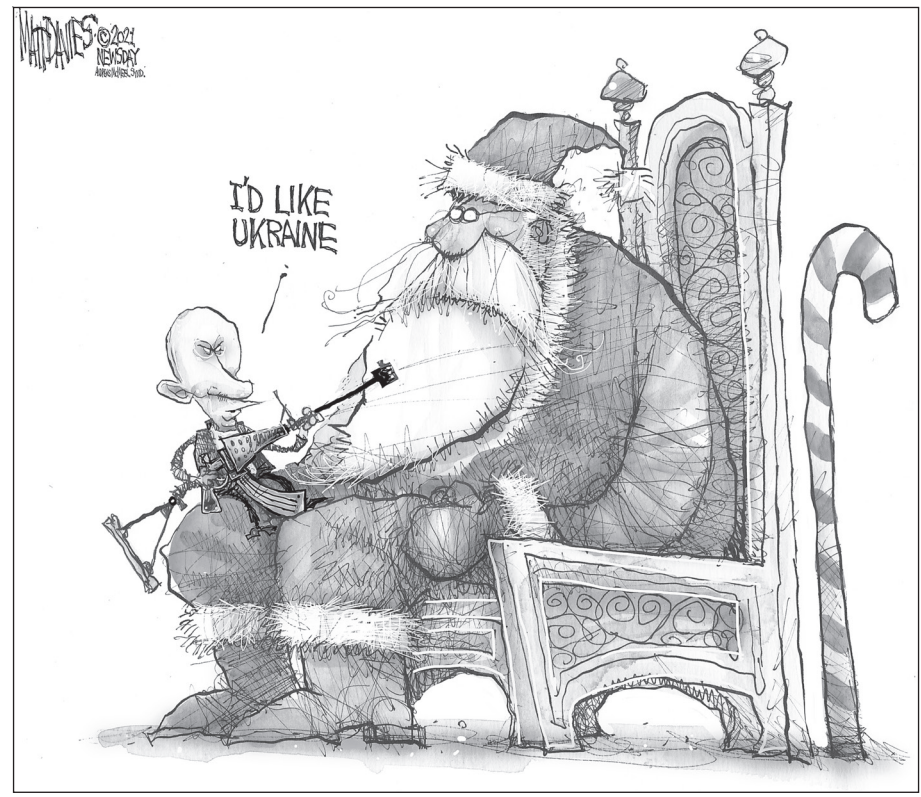
So a crisis looms that could kill off the space economy in its infancy. On current plans, there could be 100,000 satellites in orbit by the decade’s end, for everything from internet services to Earth monitoring. Space is a big place, but the multitudes of planned constellations raise the odds of collisions that could render some orbits unusable.

Russia’s recent anti-satellite test, which blew up an old Soviet spacecraft, created more than 1,500 new pieces of trackable debris. Some 30,000 fragments large enough to track are now flying around, posing a risk to satellites and the International Space Station.

A new, overarching space treaty is probably not achievable in the short-term. But smaller steps could be taken to ensure the space economy remains safe and open to all. Nations that signed the 2019 guidelines should ensure there are penalties for violators. Launch companies and users of satellite services could refuse to do business with operators who ignore them. Urgent agreement is also needed on communication and traffic management protocols to avoid collisions.

Nations, not entrepreneurs such as Musk, must ultimately take joint responsibility for regulating space. But his control over a big chunk of commercial space and close relations with U.S. regulators should give him a strong voice on what constitutes responsible behaviour. If he put his energy into supporting global norms to ensure a safe environment, the world would listen.

This editorial was first published in the Financial Times.



LETTERS

Monkey see monkey do

You would think newspaper publishers might fear earthquake, fire, famine, war, pestilence, maybe even divorce. But, to their credit, they flinch at none of that. What they tremble at most, more than death itself, is free speech, at least one huge sector of that public landscape.

I write to publishers and their hand-picked editors regularly about every topic under the sun and they willingly entertain it, except religion. Even when the writing is done in a non-denominational, non-partisan, just-the-facts-m’ am kind of way, they turn their backs and go find a rock to hide under. I have a few theories.

Religion is a parallel universe in the U.S. and editors stay out of that universe. Newspapers feel called to report on “state,” but not on “church,” except for innocuous holiday stuff, and maybe service-in-the-community stuff.

Publishers operate in a “breaking news” world. They go with the flow. If there is

not anything happening in religion at the moment, they don’t want to rock the boat and start something.

Newspaper people might devote a few column inches to, say, the Baptists openly arguing about critical race theory, or the Catholics murmuring about whether the abortion-loving Catholic President should be allowed to take communion, but that’s about it for church controversy.

Publishers don’t know history. A huge part of our history is religious history, religious culture, religious philosophy, religious politics, religious ethics. Publishers see nothing, hear nothing, and say nothing, because they know almost nothing about the past.

What publishers do know about religion, they don’t like. Religion has done a lot of bad, and not much good, so to hell with it. Now, where is that rock? It’s time to hide!

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah

HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2021. There are 13 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:
On Dec. 18, 2019, the U.S. House impeached President Donald Trump on two charges, sending his case to the Senate for trial; the articles of impeachment accused him of abusing the power of the presidency to investigate rival Joe Biden ahead of the 2020 election and then obstructing Congress’ investigation. (The trial would end in

acquittal by the Senate.)

On this date:
In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
In 1863, in a speech to the Prussian Parliament, Prime Minister Otto von Bismarck declared, “Politics is not an exact science.”
In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

READI Grant a big success and important policy

This week Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb announced the distribution of roughly a half billion dollars for READI Grant proposals. To many readers, this will seem like governmental inside baseball, or just another big spending program. It is not, at least not yet. The plain fact is that clusters of counties and cities that have good working relationships with regional organizations have faster employment and income growth.

Michael Hicks



However, achieving those better outcomes isn’t as easy as joining a regional group. The only statistically discernible growth effects come to regions that participate with federally recognized Economic Development Districts. There also seems to be some benefit from state recognized groups, but it is too early to say that definitively. At the other end of the spectrum, there are no measurable economic benefits from participating in a regional marketing groups, or associations of local economic development organizations.

Faster growth comes to more effective regions for pretty obvious reasons. Most quality of place investments have some regional flavor to them, so it is helpful to have every local government focusing on improving those areas. Likewise, considerable federal spending on economic development and transportation focuses on regions. Clusters of cities and counties do better with sharing ideas, vetting proposals and hiring talented staff than those who don’t.

The stated purpose of the READI Grants are to build more quality of life and human capital supporting infrastructure across the state. The unstated intent of the program is to cause Indiana’s county and municipal governments to work together to make their regions more attractive to current and future residents. In this way, the READI Grant is a noble descendant of the Daniels administration’s Stellar Communities Program and the Pence administration’s Regional Cities Initiative.

To reiterate, it is important to make these types of spending decisions across county and municipal boundaries because there just isn’t enough money to spend on all the things a city or county may want or need. Working across regions means there is less duplication and more focus on spending that will benefit several communities. Bottom line, clusters of cities and counties that participate fully in their public infrastructure spending do much better than places that go it alone. These READI Grant applications revealed that fact forcefully.

Last month I wrote that the quality of the proposals was surprisingly good. The staff at IEDC performed marvelous work in making this program a success, with a full 16 out of 17 proposals exceeding the quality of the 2015 Regional Cities Proposals. This made the decision process far more difficult, so they modified the grants, giving 5 full awards and 12 partial awards to applicants.

In my previous column, I noted several high-quality proposals, noting the three previous regional city applicants, the Southern (Louisville suburbs), Western (Terre Haute) and North Central (Tipton to Cass counties) regions. As I anticipated, these regions all received full or nearly full funding from this proposal.

Some regions received large sums on a per county basis, though it was less than the full amount they asked for. For example, the smallest grant was \$5 million to a small portion of two counties, which was large for such a small place. The three weakest proposals received \$15 million each. This meant the weakest of these received just under \$2 million per county, the smallest grant.

There was clear demarcation between proposals. The very best proposals were made by organizations in regions with lengthy, sometimes two-decade-long history of regional development. The good proposals had projects with mature cost analysis, oftentimes detailed engineering plans, and solid knowledge of multiple funding sources. Normally, these projects were supported by multiple municipal and county governments, and there was an overwhelming presence of private sector input to the plans and financing.

The successful regions had mature, talented staff with a track record of working across city and county borders. These groups had a track record of handling state and federal money, hiring consultants and reporting finances and regulatory compliance on large projects. These organizations had both public and private oversight. Successful groups were not composed primarily of local economic development professionals.

Successful regions also were able to attract large, and diverse private sector employers, and had committed support from legacy institutions in their region. Only one university asked for money in this READI Grant round, while many, including private institutions, committed significant resources to the proposals. Every successful region had at least one regionally influential elected leader and several regionally influential private sector employers presenting their proposals to IEDC.

All the good proposals were easy to read, and made clear the individual project priorities from first to last, and were able to explain how they prioritized projects. Again, many of these projects have been in the works for decades, so the prioritization happened long before anyone heard of the READI Grant. By my count, six or seven proposals had all these characteristics. The remainder were missing parts of this, and the more they were missing, the smaller the grant.

This process of working together is devilishly difficult; in fact, other than improving school quality, this may be one of the hardest things local government does. On top of that, there are eccentric reasons why some regions find it harder to cooperate than others. Clusters of counties don’t always share a common economic center of gravity, and may instead be pulled in different directions. This caused one region to pull together several discontinuous counties.

It is also true that some regions just don’t have a strong local elected official who can represent various stakeholders. Large employers won’t always have the region’s best interest in mind, and local parochialism is hardly an emerging phenomenon. I should also note that hiring a good consultant won’t overcome bad local dynamics. The worst proposal came from a region who hired a first-rate firm, while some better proposals came from weaker consultancies.

In the final analysis, I can find zero fault with the award decisions. The staff at IEDC did a superb job with this process, as did the IEDC board. Those regions who are disappointed with these results should find time for disciplined introspection. It is worth noting that the strongest proposal and best presentation came from the Our Southern Indiana group. This region failed to even meet the submission criterion for the Regional Cities Initiative back in 2015. Importantly, Governor Holcomb is proposing another round of these grants. That permits regions time to reflect, learn and reassess their work. So, if you fell short with this award, a field trip to Madison, Scottsburg or New Albany is in order.

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Lifestyles

The little black dress of desserts

Pots de creme are my go-to dessert. I call them the little black dress of sweets: Not only are they timelessly appealing (who can say no to a terrine of silky rich chocolate?), but they can be kept simple and understated for easy eating or dressed up with a splash of celebratory sparkle. In addition to their versatility, they can – and should – be prepared well in advance of serving, which bumps them to the top of the list for easy entertaining.

Lynda Balslev



These chocolate custards get dressed up for the holidays with an infusion of hazelnuts and Frangelico. Frangelico is an Italian hazelnut (noisette) liqueur, originating from the Piedmont region. It's a nutty and sweet digestif with notes of cocoa, coffee, herbs and vanilla. It's delicious drizzled in coffee and over ice cream (or both in an affogato) and is naturally compatible with chocolate.

In addition to spiking the chocolate custard with a splash of Frangelico, this recipe ups the ante with Frangelico-laced whipped cream and shards of hazelnut praline. After all, it's holiday time, and this little black dress of desserts deserves some bling.

This recipe makes six generous servings for chocoholics. For smaller servings and a sweet yet more understated after-dinner touch, divide the chocolate among smaller espresso cups. And, as always, use the best quality dark chocolate you can lay your hands on.

Chocolate Hazelnut Pots de Creme

Active time: 40 minutes

Total time: 1 hour and 20 minutes, plus chilling time

Yield: Makes 6 (3/4-cup) ramekins or about 10 smaller espresso shots

Pots de creme:

1 3/4 cups heavy cream

3/4 cup whole milk

6 ounces high-quality dark chocolate (70% to 72%), finely chopped

6 egg yolks

1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 tablespoons Frangelico or hazelnut liqueur

Praline:

3/4 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup hazelnuts, toasted lightly and skinned, coarsely chopped

1/4 teaspoon sea salt

Whipped Cream:

1 cup heavy cream

1 to 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1 tablespoon Frangelico or hazelnut liqueur

Make the pots de creme:

Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Place ramekins in a baking dish.

Heat the cream and milk in a saucepan over medium heat just until the liquid begins to simmer. Remove the pan from the heat and whisk in the chocolate until melted and smooth.

Whisk the egg yolks and sugar in a large bowl until light

in color. Add the cream in a steady stream, whisking constantly to combine, then whisk in the Frangelico. Strain the custard through a fine-mesh sieve into another bowl or a large measuring glass and cool for 5 minutes.

Bring a kettle of water to a boil.

Ladle or pour the custard into the ramekins. Fill the pan with the hot water halfway up the ramekins. Cover the ramekins with foil and transfer to the oven. Bake until the edges are set, but the center still wobbles a bit when jiggled, 30 to 35 minutes (or about 25 minutes for espresso cups).

Transfer the ramekins to a wire rack and remove the foil. Cool completely. Cover and refrigerate for at least 6 hours or overnight.

Make the praline:

Line a baking sheet with parchment.

Heat the sugar in a heavy small saucepan over medium heat until it melts, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon. Continue to cook, stirring constantly, until the sugar turns amber in color. Add the nuts and sea salt, stirring quickly to combine.

Immediately pour the mixture onto the baking sheet and spread into a thin layer. (Do not touch with your fingers; it will be very hot.) Cool completely and then break into small shards.

Make the whipped cream:

Mix the cream in the bowl of an electric mixer on high speed until traces of the whisk appear. Add the sugar and Frangelico and continue to mix until peaks form.

Serve the pots de creme with a dollop of cream in the center. Top with praline shards.

Without the boosted child tax credit, nearly 10 million kids could fall below the poverty line

Unless Congress acts, the last of the advance child tax credit payments will hit bank accounts on Dec. 15. The end of these monthly payments will financially devastate many American families, pushing them back into poverty.

"Millions of children who

Michelle Singletary



about the effects of the expanded child tax credit.

That wasn't political hyperbole.

Increasing the payments and extending them to more low-income parents made available an additional \$77 billion to feed, clothe and provide for more than 61 million children, Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen said during a Senate hearing last month.

"Food insecurity among families with children dropped 24 percent after the July payments, which is a profound economic and moral victory for the country," Yellen said.

An estimated 9.9 million children are at risk of slipping back below the poverty line or deeper into poverty if the child tax credit expansion is not extended, according to a report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

The American Rescue Plan temporarily boosted the child tax credit – just for the 2021 tax year – to \$3,600 for children 5 and younger and \$3,000 for those 6 through 17. The pre-pandemic maximum was \$2,000 per child under 17.

The law also expanded the payments to families with low or no income, providing financial salvation for families, many still reeling from coronavirus-related job losses. The IRS and community groups are still trying to find families who – because they don't have enough income to be required to file a federal tax return – don't know they are entitled to the payments.

From late July through September, about half of families receiving the child tax credit payments reported spending at least part of that money on food and about 4 in 10 spent it on rent, mortgages or utilities, according to the Census Bureau.

If all families with eligible children receive the payments, child poverty would be reduced by up to 40 percent, according to researchers at the Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University.

With monthly payments ending soon, Congress has a choice – keep the money coming or go back to the way things were.

As the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities points out, a mother of two – one a toddler and the other elementary-school age – who works full time earning the federal minimum wage is now eligible for a \$6,600 child tax credit. If the expanded payments end, they would see a credit cut of \$4,800.

Biden's Build Back Better legislation would extend the enhanced credit for another year, through 2022. That one-year extension was part of a compromise. It's something, but not enough. If Democrats lose control of the Senate or the House in next year's midterms, the future of the expanded child tax credit

could be dire. Among the complaints from conservatives is that the expansion to low-income households would diminish their desire to find employment.

A research brief released by the University of Chicago contends that the expanded child tax credit would reduce employment by 1.5 million people. This would diminish the effect on child poverty, the paper argues. In an opinion column for The Washington Post, the authors write, "Replacing a tax credit available only to working families with a flat allowance will serve as a disincentive to work."

Sen. Joe Manchin III, D-W.Va., shares this concern.

"There's no work requirements whatsoever," Manchin complained during a CNN interview. "There's no education requirements whatsoever for better skill sets. Don't you think, if we're going to help the children, that the people should make some effort?"

Manchin's political viewpoints on this issue lack context and compassion. The arguments against the expanded child tax credit remind me of the cautionary aphorism, "Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good."

It's not a matter of people not wanting to work. They often do have jobs, but their paycheck isn't enough to cover their needs, or they may leave the workforce because a great percentage of their pay is spent on child care. Or, they have caregiving challenges. Without taking on debilitating debt, many people can't afford to go to college and boost their skill sets.

Many of the folks who are getting these payments are grandparents on low

fixed incomes taking care of grandchildren. They aren't deadbeats sucking on the teat of the government. They stepped in when, for whatever reason, the children's parents couldn't or wouldn't. According to the Census Bureau, there are close to 2.5 million grandparents taking care of grandchildren under 18.

Why is it, when talking about the poor or working poor, there's always the admonition that assistance will reduce their incentive to work? The wealthy aren't characterized as undeserving when they want more tax breaks, even when they already have more than enough. Conservatives doggedly fight to maintain and increase the estate tax break so wealthy people can leave millions to their children.

Even if a parent is behaving recklessly, and that's an assumption far too often and falsely placed on the poor, should the children suffer? Should they go without food or a stable roof over their heads, while we wag our fingers at their parents?

Nelson Mandela said, "The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children."

We've gained some ground putting children first. Let's not stop now.

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MAYO CLINIC MINUTE

Winter, holidays and keeping safe from viruses

By ALEX OSIADACZ

Mayo Clinic News Network (TNS)

As the end of the year approaches, it's only the beginning of the season for illnesses like the cold and flu. Add COVID-19 and other viruses to the list, and that can damper plans or even make gatherings dangerous.

So, what can you do to keep safe?

Dr. Tina Ardon, a Mayo Clinic family medicine physician, explains the steps you can take now to boost your health later.

Winter weather and holiday festivities are driving folks indoors, but that could be putting you at greater risk of getting sick. Not only are COVID-19 variants of concern, Dr. Ardon says it's the time of year for respiratory illnesses.

"Washing your hands, wearing a mask when you

can and social distancing is more important than ever this winter season," says Dr. Ardon.

But that's not all. Vaccines offer an extra layer of protection. For women who are pregnant, Dr. Ardon says there are three vaccines to consider this season.

"Consider influenza vaccination if you're in influenza season. That can be given any time during our pregnancy to help protect mom and baby," says Dr. Ardon. "The second is the TDAP or diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis booster, which is against whooping cough. That's indicated for women in their third trimester. And now we have the COVID-19 vaccine that's extremely important for pregnant women that, again, can be received anytime during pregnancy to help protect mom and baby."



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A COVID-19 testing facility is advertised at Newark Liberty International Airport on Nov. 30 in Newark, New Jersey.

MEDIA

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of the public who may have had contact with a social media account named “anthony_shots” to contact investigators.

“This profile was being used from 2016 to 2017 on social media applications, including but not limited to, Snapchat and Instagram. The fictitious anthony_shots profile used images of a known male model and portrayed himself as being extremely wealthy and owning numerous sports cars,” that earlier release said, explaining that the “male model” in the profile’s photos had been identified, that the photos had been stolen for the purposes of creating the account, and that the model was not a suspect. “The creator of the fictitious

profile used this information while communicating with juvenile females to solicit nude images, obtain their addresses, and attempt to meet them,” the release said.

By the next day, news organizations – following an initial report from Indianapolis’ WISH-TV – began reporting that the “anthony_shots” profile name appeared in a probable cause affidavit filed in a Miami County child pornography case against 27-year-old Kegan Anthony Kline.

Kline, who has not been charged in connection with the Delphi killings or named as a suspect or person of interest in the case, is facing 30 felony charges including multiple counts of possession of child pornography, as well as counts of child exploitation, obstruction of justice, and synthetic identity deception.

The affidavit in his case ties him to the “anthony_shots” account and says that members of the Peru Police Department, Indiana State Police and FBI served a search warrant at a Peru home on Feb. 25, 2017 after authorities learned that someone using the account on Snapchat and Instagram was “soliciting female juveniles.”

He wasn’t arrested on the felony charges until August 2020.

In the follow-up news release on Monday, state police said that during the last nearly five years authorities have conducted dozens of “secondary investigations” based on information they received as part of the Delphi investigation.

“One of those investigations included a Possession of Child Pornography case resulting in the arrest of Kegan Kline,” the release said.

“The information we had, have, and continue to receive concerning Kline has ebbed and flowed over these last few years. We understand there was a period of time that passed between 2017 and 2020 when Kline was not arrested and incarcerated for Possession of Child Pornography.”

“Once the Indiana State Police presented the criminal case to the Miami County Prosecutor in June of 2020, immediate action was taken by both the Indiana State Police and the Miami County Prosecutor’s Office, which ultimately resulted in Kline’s arrest,” it continued.

“Like so many other pieces of this investigation, we will always review, learn from, and make any necessary adjustments,” the release said. “We do not believe that any

person has done anything intentionally wrong, but we will continue to critically evaluate our efforts.”

“We know there is enormous interest in the ‘WHY’ of everything we do, but we cannot and will not speculate,” the release concluded. “One day you will have the opportunity to see and know what we do, and we look forward to that day.”

In a statement last week, Kline’s attorney, Andrew Achey, said his client had “nothing to do with the unexpected, untimely and unfortunate passing of the girls in Delphi” and pushed back on speculation swirling through social media and on various true crime and amateur sleuth outlets.

“Please keep in mind that Mr. Kline is innocent unless he is proven guilty. And after reviewing the social me-

dia posts about Mr. Kline, I would also like to remind people to refrain from jumping to conclusions about Mr. Kline, as Mr. Kline has not been charged with a crime relating to the recent reports,” the statement said.

Kline had been due in court for a pretrial conference in his case on Dec. 16, but on Monday Achey filed a motion to lift that date saying that “negotiations have broken down and a resolution in this matter will not be reached by way of negotiations or a plea agreement.”

Miami County Circuit Court Judge Tim Spahr, that same day, granted the motion, scheduling two conferences for February and April of next year, as well as a May trial.

Jared Keever, Peru Tribune editor, may be reached by email at jkeever@perutribune.com.

SHOP COP

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numbers Wabash county is determined to get presents to our children,” said Galligan.

The fundraiser for this year’s event took place at the FOP Lodge. On Monday, Dec. 13, The Eagles Lodge No. 549 donated \$4,000, which “helped greatly boost the children count,” said Galligan.

The registration for the 2021 event was coordinated by Wabash County Christmas Spirit hardhearted at New Journey Community Church. The registration began Sept. 1 and was extended to Oct. 31.

“Anyone who requested assistance had an easy process. All (the) Wabash children’s names are submitted for help to Wabash County Christmas Spirit,” said Galligan. “Working with Christmas Spirit

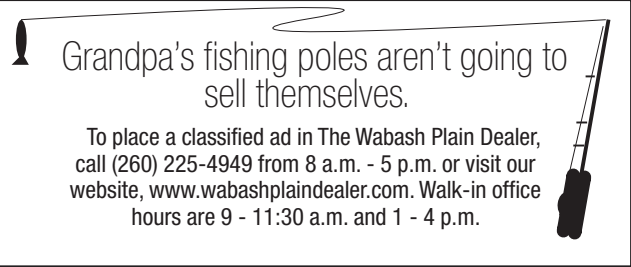
representatives to obtain children’s names. is the only way to make sure all Wabash County children are selected fairly for each program.”

Galligan said donations were mailed or dropped off to the Wabash Police Department starting Sept. 1. Checks were made out to Shop with a Cop. Receipts are available to anyone who requests one. Any donation can be dropped off or mailed to 1340 Manchester Ave., Wabash, IN 46992.

Galligan said they wanted to thank Scotty’s Tavern; Eagles Lodge No. 549; Mike and Corky Hall; and “all the citizens who donated to make sure our children have Christmas.”

For more information, call 260-563-2157 or 260-571-4123.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



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ECED 120	Child Growth and Development	Tu	5:30 - 8:20 p.m.
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MATH 123	Quantitative Reasoning	Th	6 - 8:50 p.m.
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 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


BAPTIST

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website


CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

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 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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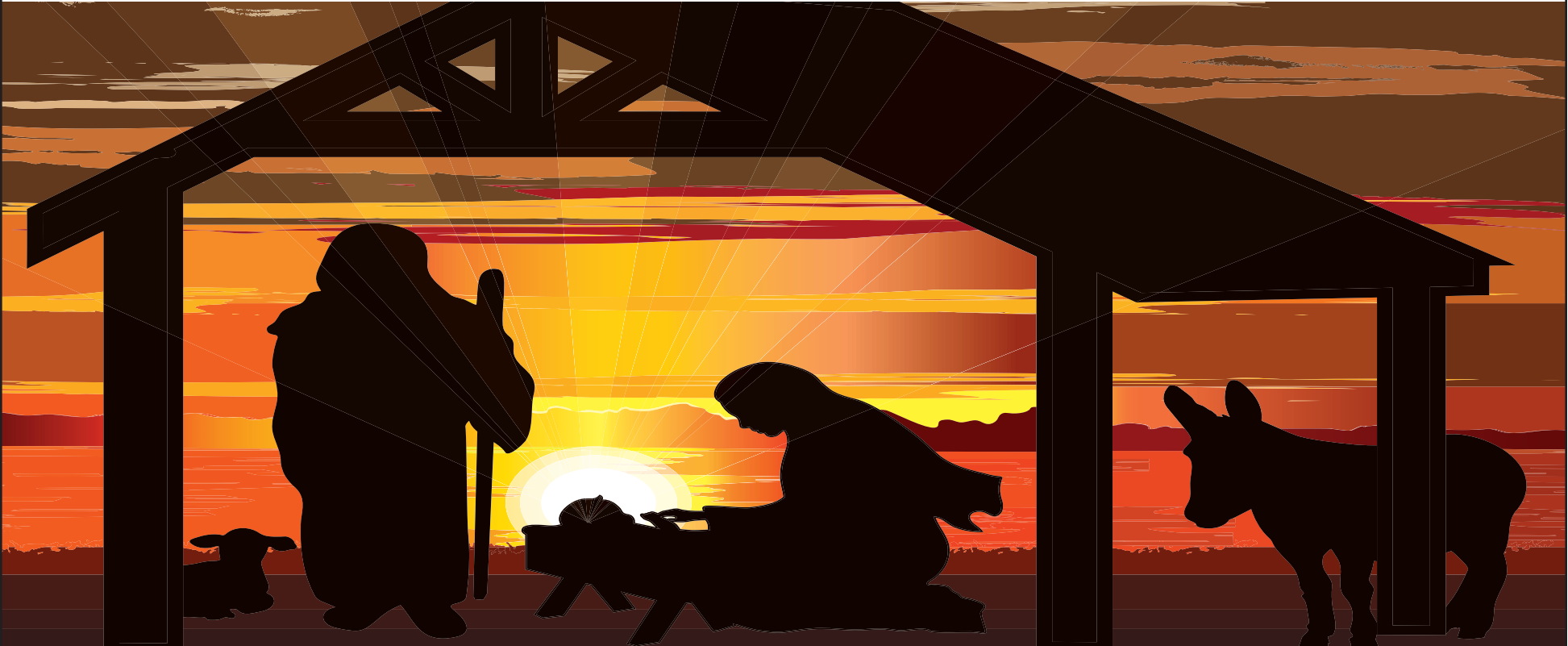


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BEACH BOYS

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and ‘Paul McCartney was that.’ So the same thing with us,” said Love.

Meditating with the Beatles

Love said Carl Wilson, Dennis Wilson and himself, along with fellow bandmate Al Jardine, learned transcendental meditation from the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in December 1967.

After seeing him in New York, Love traveled to Boston to hear him speak at Harvard, where he invited him to come to India.

When he arrived in India, he found that all four Beatles had already arrived. Beatles drummer Ringo Star left after a few days, but the other three stuck around for a while after.

Love said it was at this time he assisted Paul McCartney with a song he was constructing.

“One morning I was sitting at the breakfast table and Paul McCartney comes down with his acoustic guitar and says, ‘Listen to this Mike. Flew in from Miami Beach BOAC’ and all that. He sang the song. He didn’t have the bridge yet,” said Love. “I said, ‘Paul, all you have to do is talk about the girls around Russia like we did in ‘California Girls,’ girls all around the world.’ He took that idea and incorporated it and that was ‘Back in the USSR.’ ... It’s got a lot of similarities to ‘Fun, Fun, Fun.’ Tempos and all that.”

Love said there was a mutual admiration between the two groups.

“We liked the Beatles and they liked The Beach Boys. We both loved Chuck Berry

‘Babe in Toyland’ event returns for the second year

For the second year in a row, Babe of Wabash County is once again holding its holiday toy drive and distribution, “Babe in Toyland.” The program will once again provide toys and Christmas presents to children ages 18 and below to “families in need.” The dates and times for this year’s toy distribution will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21; from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday,

Dec. 22; and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23 at Babe of Wabash County, 88 W. Hill St. Parents and legal guardians qualify for assistance. There are no income restrictions, no pre-registration required and parents will fill out a family form at the door. Parents and legal guardians will shop at Babe’s Christmas store for new and free toys and items. No cash is needed. Those who would like to donate to the “Babe in Toyland” may drop off toys or other items during regular business hours at F.I.S.H., 123 W. Ca-

nal St.; Lighthouse Mission, 123 W. Canal St.; Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; First United Methodist Church, 110 Cass St.; and Babe of Wabash County, 88 W. Hill St. Those who wish to donate should be sure to indicate that the toys being donated are for “Babe in Toyland.” Financial donations can be mailed to Babe of Wabash County, 88 W. Hill St., Wabash, IN 46992 and a tax receipt will be given. For more information, email babeofwabashinc@gmail.com.

American Red Cross schedules local blood donation opportunity

The American Red Cross has scheduled a local blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St. To schedule an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767).

and the Everly Brothers. A lot of the influences were the same. With us, we were in addition to the Everly Brothers, Chuck Berry and doo-wop, we were big fans of The Four Freshman and very close four-part harmony,” said Love.

Full House and ‘Kokomo’

After a slump in the 1970s, the band experienced a career resurgence in the 1980s. This coincided with performances on the TV show “Full House,” which starred actor and drummer John Stamos.

“When he’s not doing a TV show he’ll come out and play with us,” said Love, of Stamos. “He loves playing drums. He was a drummer before he became a TV or movie star. So he had a little three-piece band in southern California. ... He’s a great guy and loves the music.”

In addition to the band’s cameo on the show in 1988,

Stamos’ character Uncle Jesse gets married in a later episode and sings The Beach Boys’ song “Forever.”

“He loves that song,” said Love. “We’ve been friends for decades now, since the mid-’80s.”

In 1988, Stamos also appeared in the music video for one of the band’s biggest hits, “Kokomo.” (Which, of course, is also a city in Indiana.)

“In ‘Kokomo’ they were looking for a song to include in the Tom Cruise movie ‘Cocktail,’” said Love. “Other times people just like ‘God Only Knows’ or ‘Wouldn’t It Be Nice’ or ‘Fun, Fun, Fun’ or any number of our songs and the director or the producer, probably more often the director wants something that fits a particular scene and they’ll choose one of our records. We’re very happy when that happens because it gives us an added promotion

to that particular song and it’s a great thing when people love our songs enough to put them in movies or commercials is another source of income for songwriters and the group.”

Association with Donald Trump

Love and The Beach Boys have played several charity concerts and other fundraisers for Donald Trump over recent decades.

Love said he has known Trump for decades and “he’s been nothing but nice to us and treated us great and we’ve never had any reason to be negative about him.”

“He’s very outspoken, though, there’s no question about that. His tweets rattle people. I don’t mind outspoken once in a while. I mean, it’s freedom of speech and you should be able to say what you want to say and believe what you want to believe. That’s the idea about America and

the freedom to agree or disagree about something,” said Love. “We don’t make politics an issue in our shows, which many people do. People have actually come up to me and said, ‘I came to your show last night and I was really happy not to hear any politics.’ We just emphasize the positive in our lyrics primarily and place a lot importance on harmony, obviously.”

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We will, however, publish those Weekend Editions on Friday Dec. 24, 2021 and Friday Dec. 31, 2021.

The office will be closed Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st to allow our employees to spend time with family.

Obituaries received by normal deadline times on Thursday Dec. 23, will appear in Friday’s editions. Obituaries received after deadline Thursday and through the weekend will be published in the next available edition.

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Completed application must be returned to the Grant County Sheriff's Office, 214 E. 4th St., Marion IN 46952 by 4:00 p.m. January 15th, 2022.

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LEGALS

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The Findings and Order of said Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the Office of the Surveyor of Wabash County. If judicial review of said Board is not requested within twenty (20) days from the date of this notice, said Findings and Order shall become conclusive.
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DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Work for which proposals are to be received is for superstructure replacement on Wabash County Bridge 909 carrying America Road over Treaty Creek.
BID DOCUMENTS: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Butler, Fairman and Seufert, 8450 Westfield Blvd., Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240. Copies of the documents are available for examining at the Wabash County Highway Department, 800 Manchester Ave., Wabash, Indiana 46992; Dodge Data & Analytics; BXIndiana Construction League; and the office of Butler, Fairman and Seufert, 8450 Westfield Blvd., Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Bidders are required to be a plan holder of record having obtained the contract documents through the office of the Engineer. Bids not meeting this requirement will be deemed non-responsive. Copies of the bid documents will be made available to bidders through one of the following methods:
Hard copies for \$75.00 and digital copies for \$50.00 may be obtained at the office of the Engineer.
Remittances are not refundable. Payment shall be by money order or check and shall be made payable to Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. Plan holders must recognize that they will be notified of each addendum via e-mail and will be required to electronically download addendum content via file transfer protocol (FTP) regardless of initial document delivery method chosen.
Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the Contract Documents obtained from the offices of the Engineer as stated above. Each bid shall be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96 (latest revision) and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the above-required items shall be deemed to be a non-responsive bid. No Bidder may withdraw his proposal within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder all to the advantage of the County of Wabash or to reject all bids.
BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to the County of Wabash or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to 10% of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the current Treasury Department Circular 570.
BONDS: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the work is awarded.
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Item	Unit
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2. 20,000 gal -Diesel Fuel Premium #2 Fuel Oil (delivered)	Per gallon
3. 20,000 gal -Diesel Fuel Premium #2 Fuel Oil (picked up)	Per gallon
4. #2 Crushed Stone (picked up)	Per ton
5. #2 Crushed Stone (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
6. #23 Sand (picked up)	Per ton
7. #23 Sand (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
8. #53 Crushed stone (picked up)	Per ton
9. #53 Crushed stone (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
10. #73 Crushed stone (picked up)	Per ton
11. #73 Crushed stone (delivered to City of Wabash)	Per ton
12. HMA 9.5mm Surface Type B (delivered laid & rolled)	Per ton
13. HMA 9.5mm Surface Type B(picked up)	Per ton
14. HMA19.0mm Intermediate, Type B (delivered, laid & rolled)	Per ton
15. HMA19.0 mm Intermediate, Type B (picked up)	Per ton
16. Raised manholes, inlets & catch basins	Each
17. Cold Mix-bituminous patching (picked up)	Per ton
18. Tack coat-applied	Per gallon
19. 4" concrete cast in place sidewalk	Per sq ft
20. 6" concrete cast in place sidewalk	Per sq ft
21. Sidewalk Removal	Per sq ft
22. Concrete Curb (rolled)	Per in ft
23. Concrete Curb (20")	Per in ft
24. Curb removal	Per in ft

All asphalt mixtures to be made with virgin materials only and meet APAI guide specifications for local government.

All concrete and aggregate items to meet current INDOT Standard Specifications.

All bidders submitting proposals for Petroleum products must provide five (5) business days advance written notice of any change in price before such change becomes effective against the City of Wabash, Indiana.

All supplies shall be in accordance with referred applicable specifications. No representation is made that, following award; purchase will be made in any minimum amounts. Purchases shall be made during 2022 based upon necessity and price at time of purchase.

Bidders are invited to contact Scott Richardson, Street Commissioner, c/o City of Wabash Street Department, Wabash Indiana 46992, (260) 563-3611, for questions/clarifications regarding this solicitation.

Proposals must be submitted on or before 4:00 pm (local time) on the 6th day of January 2022. Proposals will be opened at a meeting of the Board of Works on January 6th 2022, beginning at 4:00 pm. Bidders are not required to submit their proposals prior to the meeting on said date, however, proposals must be submitted no later than the beginning of said meeting (4:00 pm) or they will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked "Request for Proposals, City of Wabash, Street Dept. Supplies – 2022", to the Clerk-Treasurer, City of Wabash, (Wabash City Hall), 202 S. Wabash Street, Wabash Indiana 46992.

Proposal forms and a proposal packet, including a complete list of specifications, may be picked up at the Clerk-Treasurer's office. All bidders will be required to submit their proposals and a notarized non-collusion affidavit on forms available from the Clerk-Treasurer. Bidders will further be required to acknowledge receipt of proposal packet.

All bidders must comply with the provisions of IC 5-22, General Ordinance No. 3, 1998 of the Common Council and Board of Works Resolution No. 1, 1998.

An offer submitted by a trust must identify each: 1) beneficiary of the trust; and 2) settler empowered to revoke or modify the trust.

In addition to other evaluative criteria including but not limited to price, bids will be evaluated upon delivery time of immediacy of availability, which should be specified in the proposal. With respect to delivery and availability, time is of the essence.

The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities in the solicitation process and to accept or reject exceptions to the specifications; however, any exceptions must be explicitly set out in the proposal.

By submission of a proposal, all bidders agree to hold their proposals open for a period of not less than 60 days from opening to allow adequate opportunity to the Purchasing Agent to evaluate all proposals.

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The City of Wabash desires that all persons shall be able to attend and participate in public meetings. Any individual who requires accommodation as a result of a disability is invited to contact the Mayor's Secretary, ADA Coordinator, Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992, (260) 563-4171, sufficiently in advance of the public meeting so that reasonable accommodations may be arranged.

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WABASH VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL DEFEATS OAK HILL 64-13 ON TUESDAY



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Lady Apache Elizabeth Mattern fights off full court pressure by Oak Hill's senior guard Joy McDivitt during varsity action Tuesday evening at Coolman Arena.

Pair of Spartan wrestlers place at North Central Inv.

By DILLON BENDER

A pair of top-eight placements highlighted another solid afternoon on the mats by the Manchester University wrestling team.

Both Devontay Moore, from Indianapolis and North Central High School, and Levi Lee, from Marion, would battle to top-eight placements in the their respective weight classes to lead the Black and Gold.

Moore placed sixth in the 184-pound weight class on Saturday. Moore won by fall over Aurora's Emmanuel Diaz in his opening bout of the day. After dropping his next match to North Central's Jack Hominac, Moore would go on to win his next three matches. Devontay won by a pair of decisions, while also picking up another pin.

Levi Lee earned an eighth-place finish at 197 pounds. After dropping his opening match of the day, Lee would win a pair of bouts by fall, pinning both Josh Nowack of Wisconsin-Whitewater and Elijah Brockie of North Central.

Gabe Phillips, from Centerville, added a pair of wins at 157 pounds for Manchester. On the day, five other Spartans earned a victory.

Manchester finished tied-for-ninth in the 15 team field after earning 35.5 team points. Baldwin Wallace won Saturday's invite after compiling 166 team points.

The Spartans will return to action next weekend when they travel to Nashville, Tennessee for the Gator "Boots" Duals on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

WABASH JV GIRLS BASKETBALL FALLS TO OAK HILL 29-13 ON TUESDAY



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

Freshman forward Samantha Walter grabs a rebound for the Lady Apaches during junior varsity action on Tuesday evening at WHS.

Grizzlies snap Spartans win streak in women's basketball

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women's basketball team had its five-game win streak snapped on Saturday afternoon by the visiting Franklin College Grizzlies. Franklin ran past the Spartans by a final score of 76-54 as Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play continued for both schools.

Franklin led the entire contest and built as large as a 23-point lead. The Grizzlies shot 51.9 percent (27-52) from the field and converted 21-of-28 free-throw attempts.

Franklin's length and size were able to disrupt the

Manchester offense in Saturday's game. The Spartans were limited to 26.7 percent (16-60) shooting from the field. Manchester also shot just 28.6 percent (four for 14) from three-point territory.

Franklin out-rebounded Manchester 52-24.

Jessica Nix led Franklin with 19 points and nine rebounds. Destinee Cross added 16 points, while Sarah O'Day scored 11.

Manchester was led by Macy Miller's, from Huntertown and Carroll High School, 13 points, five rebounds and two blocks. Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, went four

for six from three-point territory for 12 points. Bieghler added four steals. As a team, the Spartans finished 18-24 from the free-throw line.

Manchester (5-2, 2-1 HCAC) will now prepare for a three-game West Coast trip over the holiday break. The Spartans are scheduled to play at La Verne in California on Sunday, Dec. 19 before contests against Whittier on Tuesday, Dec. 21, and Caltech, on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

The Grizzlies (4-3, 2-1 HCAC) will travel to Albion on Monday, Dec. 20.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Late push sends Grizzlies past Spartans in men's basketball

By DILLON BENDER

A late eight-to-two run by Franklin College sent the Grizzlies past Manchester University in men's basketball action on Saturday, Dec. 11. A tip-in by FC's Ty Wright and back-to-back triples by Matt Krause paved the way for a 76-65 victory by the Grizzlies.

Franklin College shot 44.1 percent (26-59) in Saturday's game. The Grizzlies finished 9-21 (42.9 percent) from three-point territory, including a five to nine mark in the 2nd half. Franklin College also came up clutch at the free-throw line, sinking 15-of-18 attempts.

The Spartans were lim-

ited to 39.1 percent (25-64) shooting. The Black and Gold went 12-36 from three-point territory.

Ty Wright led Franklin with 20 points and five rebounds. Ryan Wiggins added 18 points. Matt Krause scored 14 points for FC while Cody Samples finished a perfect 12-12 at the free-throw line for 12 points.

Manchester was led by first-year Quentez Columbus', from South Bend and Adams High School, 20 points, six assists and four rebounds. CJ Hampton, from Hammond and Grif-fith High School, added 15 points and seven rebounds. Both Bryant Smith, from

West Lafayette and Harrison High School, and Ian Snelling, from Erlanger, Kentucky, and Dixie Heights High School, scored 10 points against Franklin. Coy Hampton, from Park Forest, Illinois, and Crete Monee High School, added seven rebounds, four assists and a pair of blocked shots.

The Spartans (2-7, 1-2 HCAC) will host nationally-ranked Elmhurst in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Tuesday, Dec. 21 with tip-off coming at 7 p.m.

Franklin College (5-3, 2-1 HCAC) hosted Berea on Friday, Dec. 17.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

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